GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3287
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HAWALA TRANSACTIONS
RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that `diamonds` have emerged as an important means of creating hawala money;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the involvement of diamond merchants have come to the notice of the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures the Government propose to take to curb the hawala transactions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) & (b): No specific case has come to the notice.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): One of the main steps taken by the Government is passing of Money Laundering Bill by Parliament recently which will be an effective legal instrument to tackle hawala transactions.